

# ASEN-6519 Lidar Remote Sensing



# Lecture 01. Introduction of Lidar Class

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# LIDAR: What and Why?

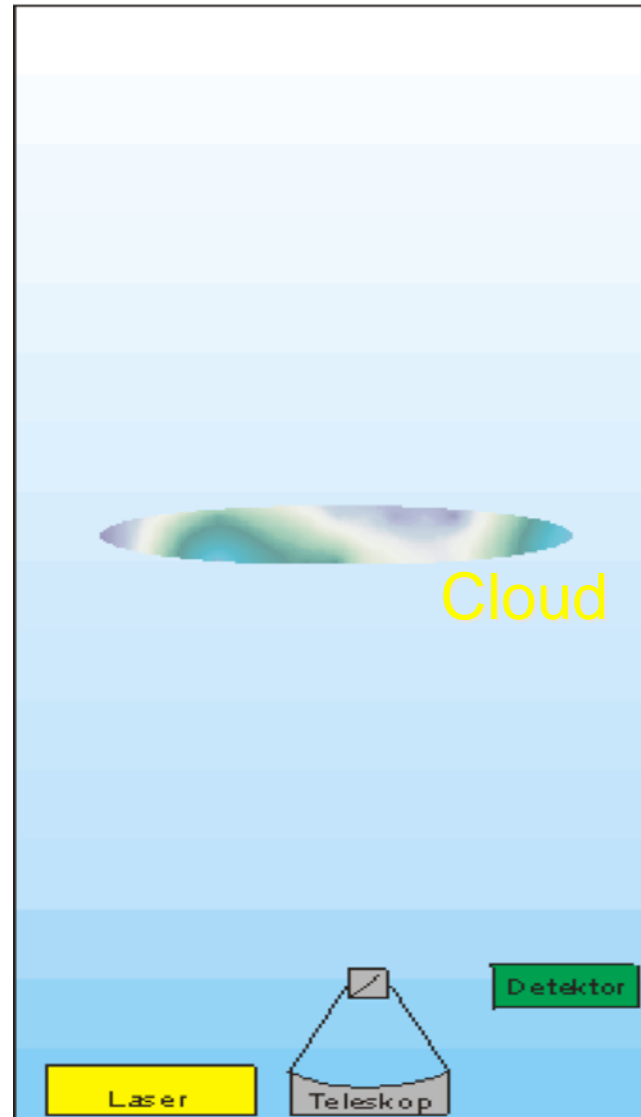
LIDAR stands for **Light Detection and Ranging**, commonly known as **Laser Radar**.

Lidar is not only replacing conventional sensors, but also creating new methods with unique properties that could not be achieved before.

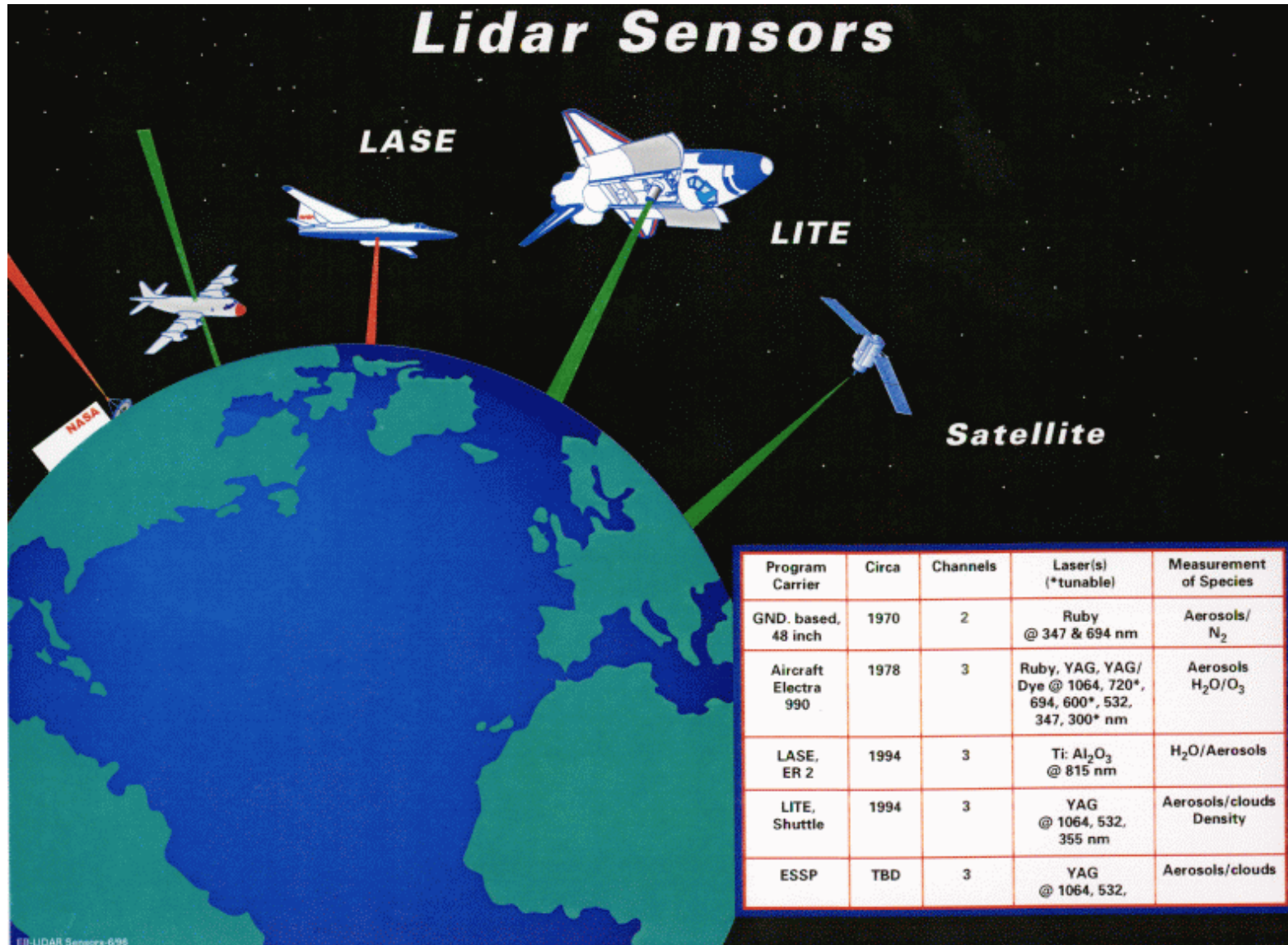
Lidar is extremely useful in atmospheric and environmental research as well as space exploration. It also has wide applications in industry, defense, and military.

# LIDAR: Light Detection And Ranging

- Send light to the atmosphere
- Record light scattered by the atmosphere as function of time
- Convert time of flight to distance  
(1 ms ~ 150 km)

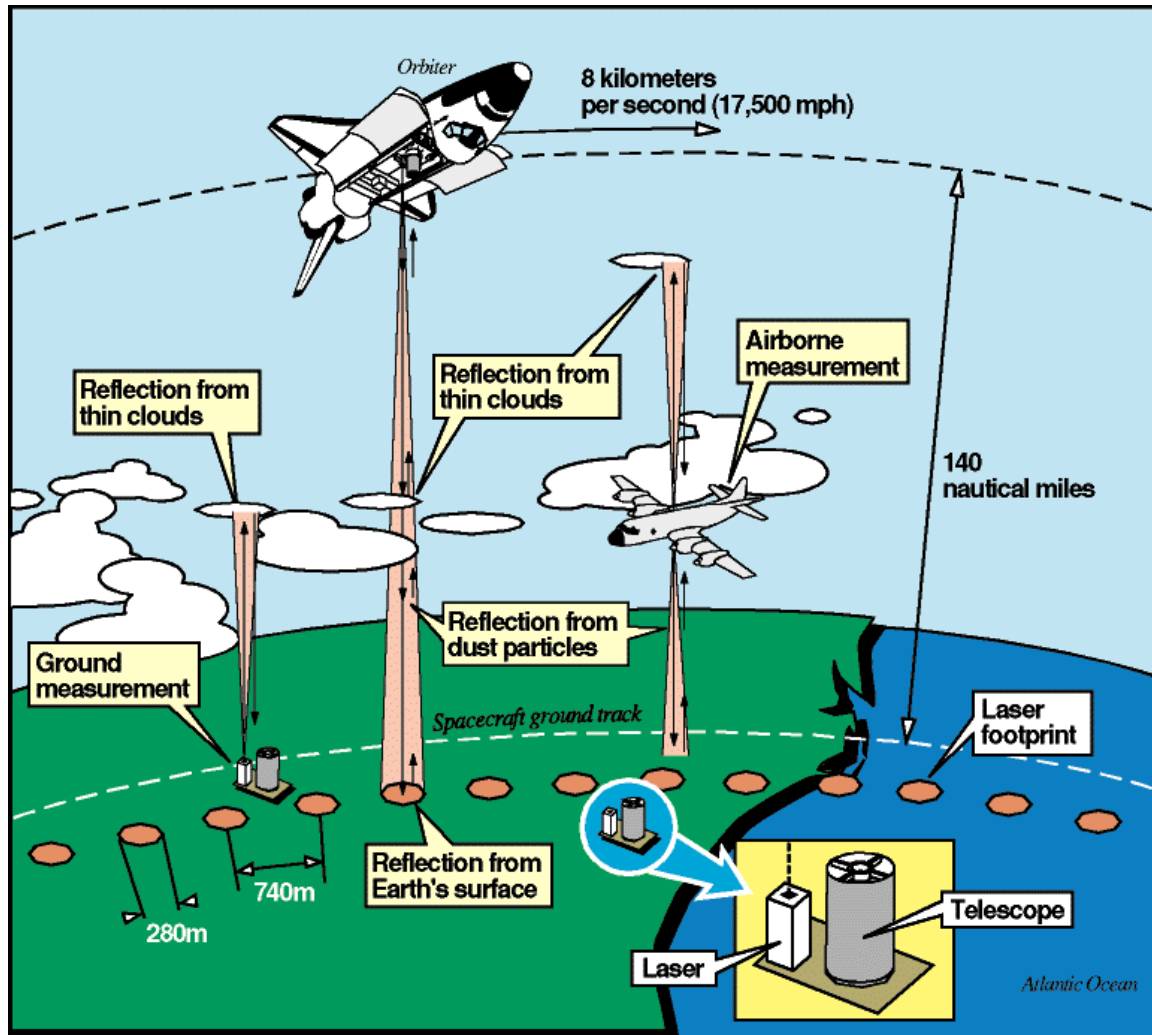


# Lidar from Ground to Space

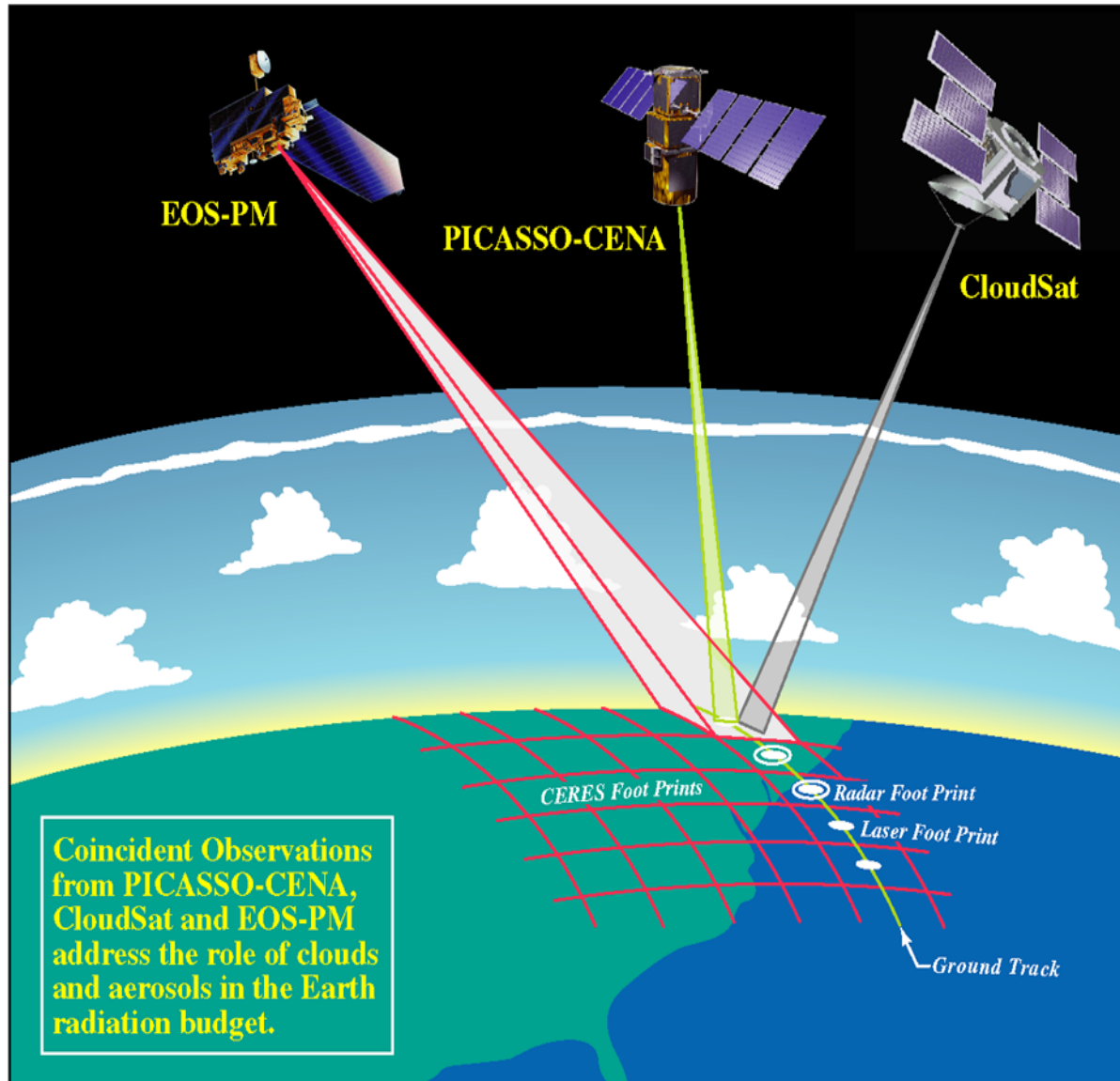


# NASA LITE Mission

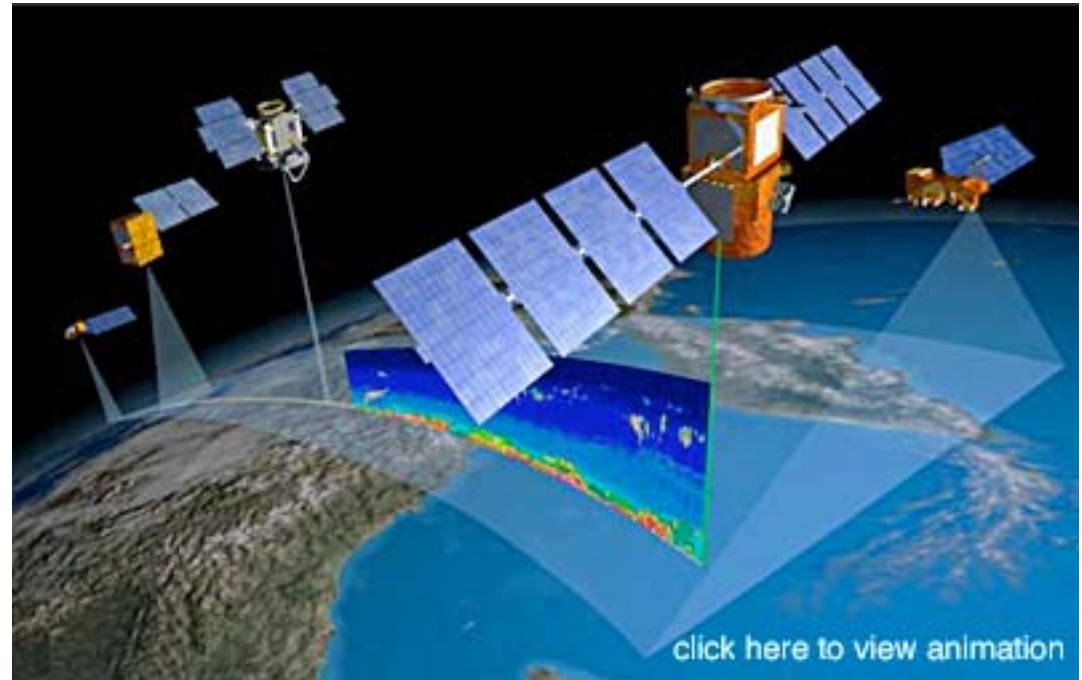
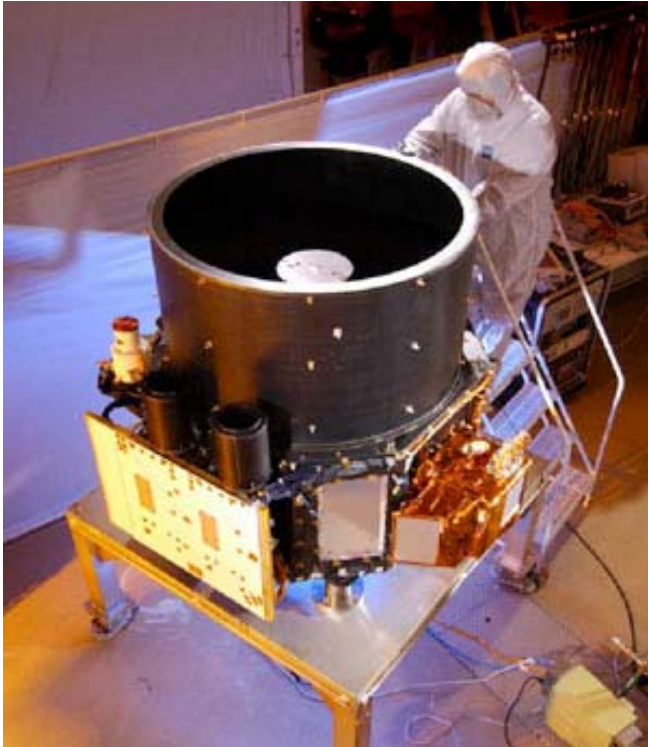
## Lidar aboard Space Shuttle Discovery



# Lidar aboard Satellites



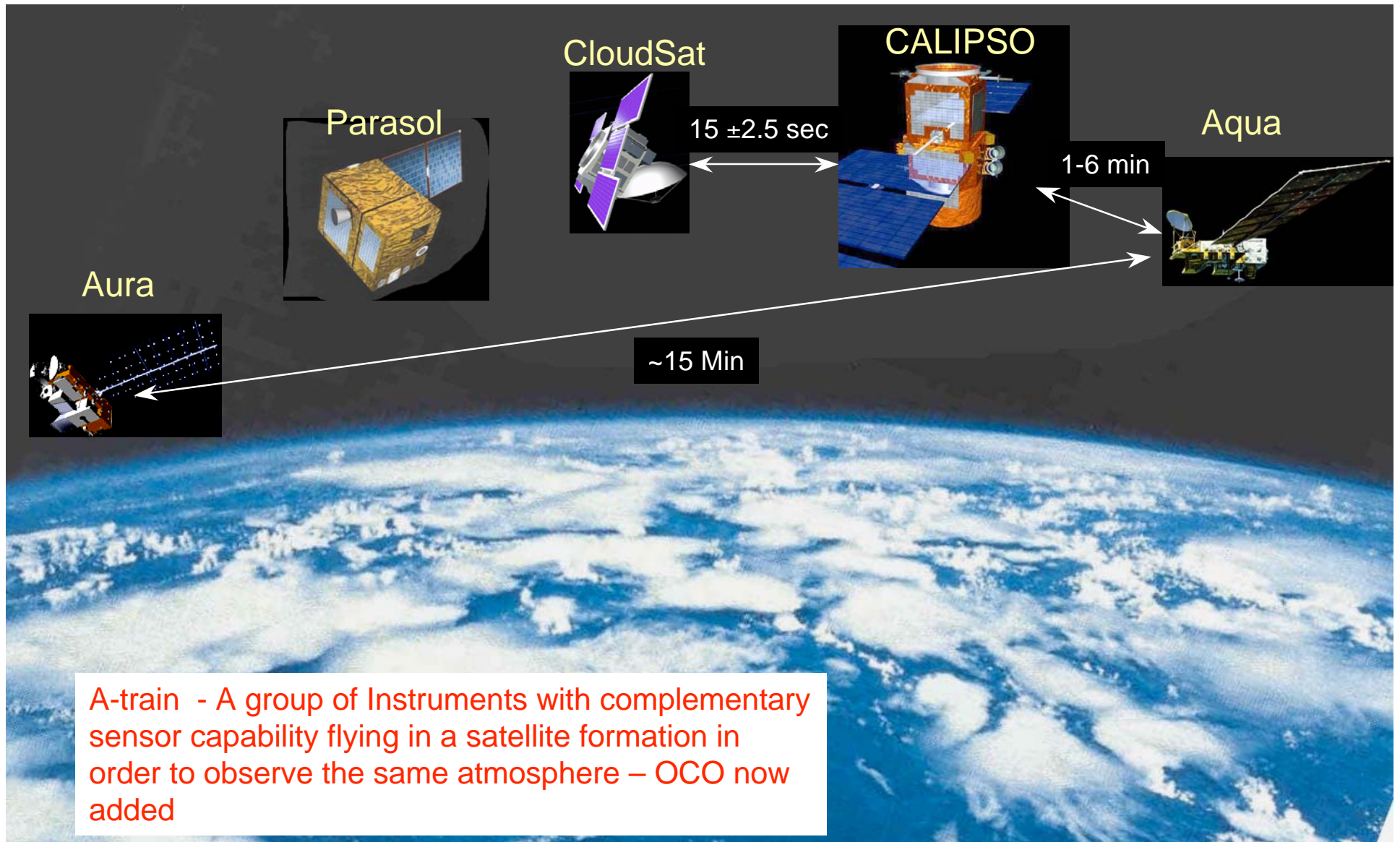
# CALIPSO: Lidar on Satellite



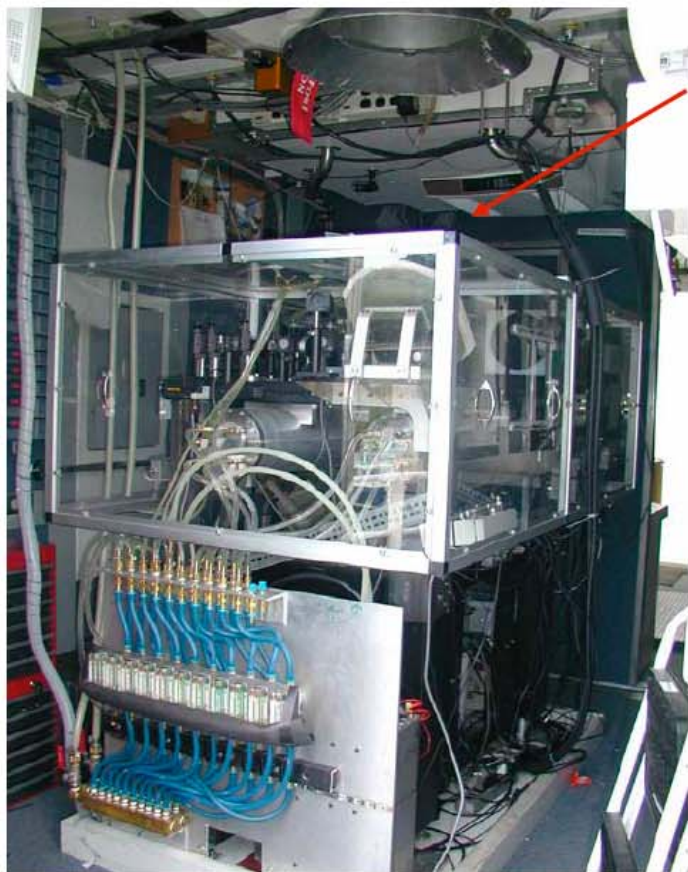
<http://www-calipso.larc.nasa.gov/>



# Aqua (A) Train for Multiple Observations



# NOAA ESRL Lidars on Ocean



- Mini-MOPA
- HRDL
- OPAL
- TOPAZ
- DABUL
- Fish Lidars
- TUV
- CODI
- TEAC0
- ABAeL



## Basic Lidar measurements

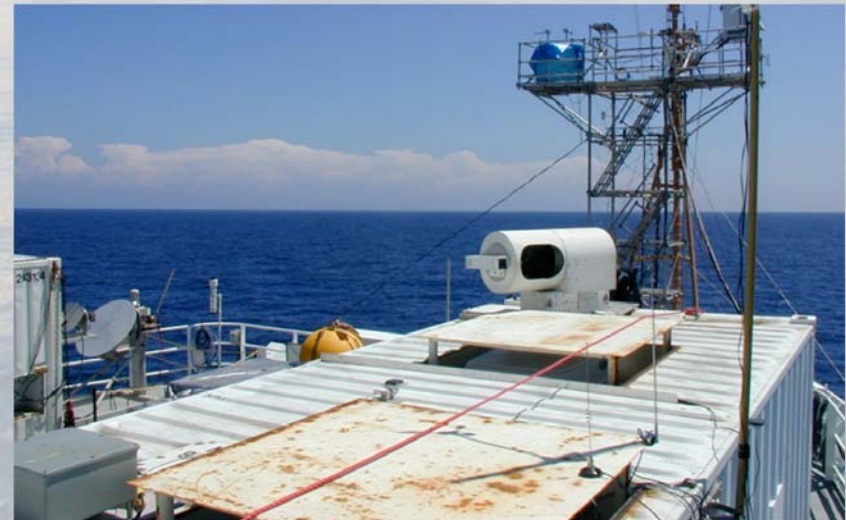


- Chemical distributions (ozone, water vapor, NH<sub>3</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Cloud properties
- Aerosol measurements
- Low level mean winds
- Residual winds
- Turbulence, general dynamics

Instruments have been mounted on research ships for sea based operation

Challenges include:

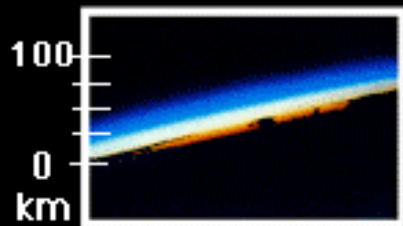
- Sea salt corrosive environment
- High vibration
- Platform motion & orientation
- Low frequency accelerations – stability issues
- Big waves and leaky seatainers



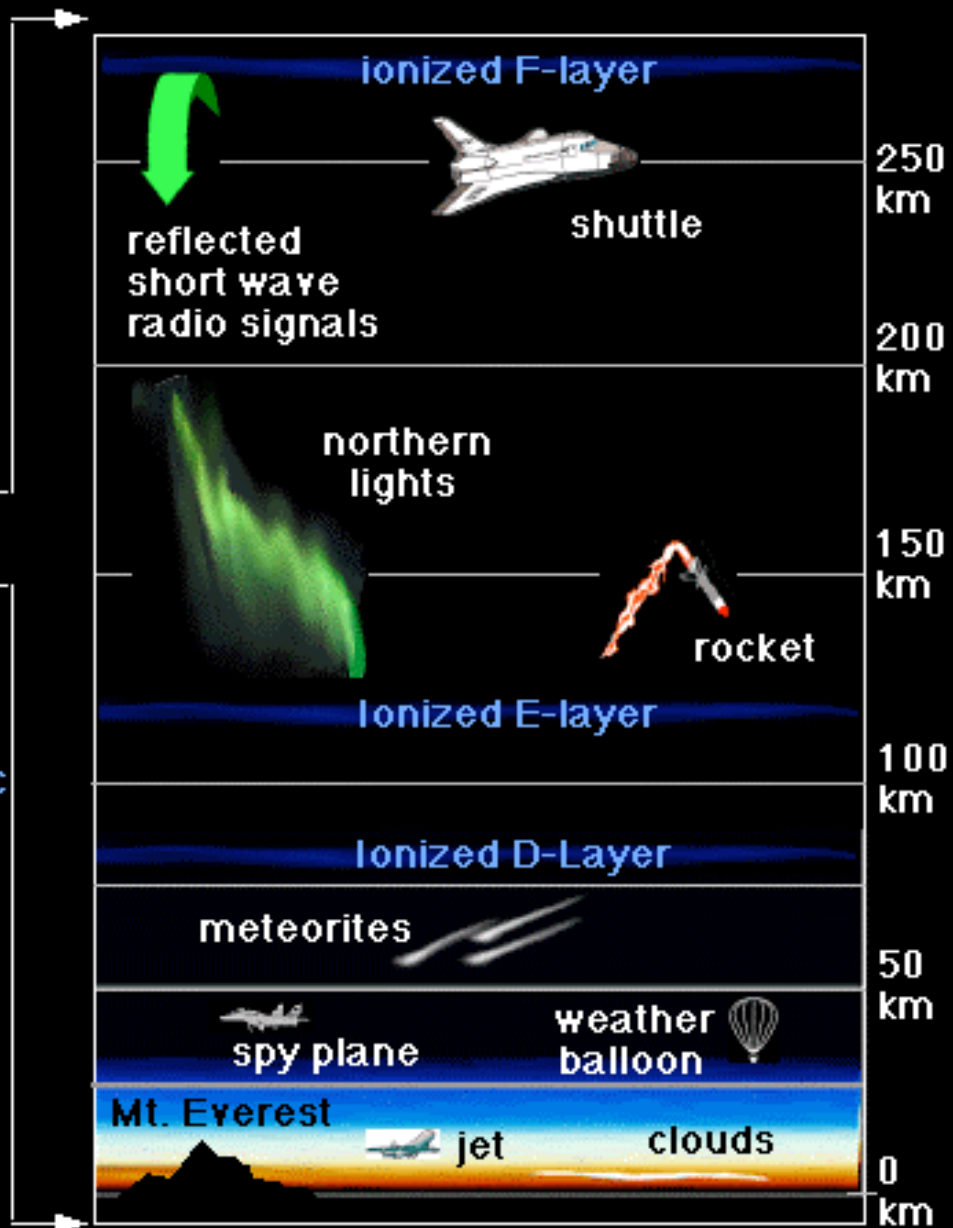
# mini-MOPA Lidar



# The Atmosphere and the Earth-Space Interface



View of the entire atmospheric layer from the space shuttle (courtesy of NASA)



# NSF/NCAR Electra Aircraft



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Boltzmann Lidar

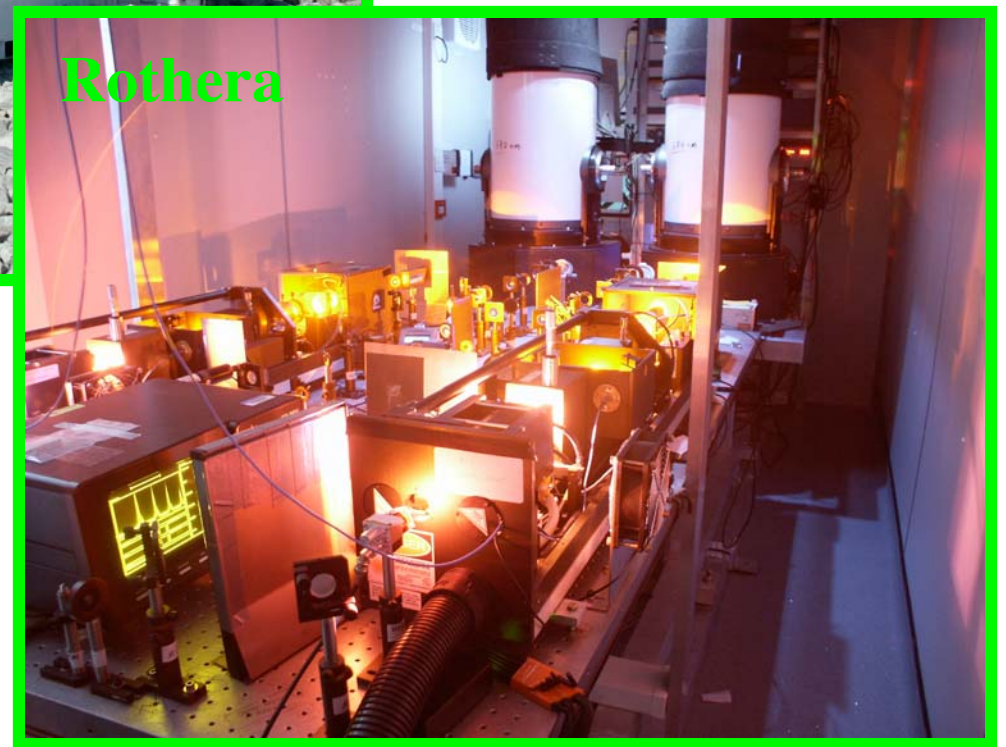


# Groundbased Lidar at the South Pole



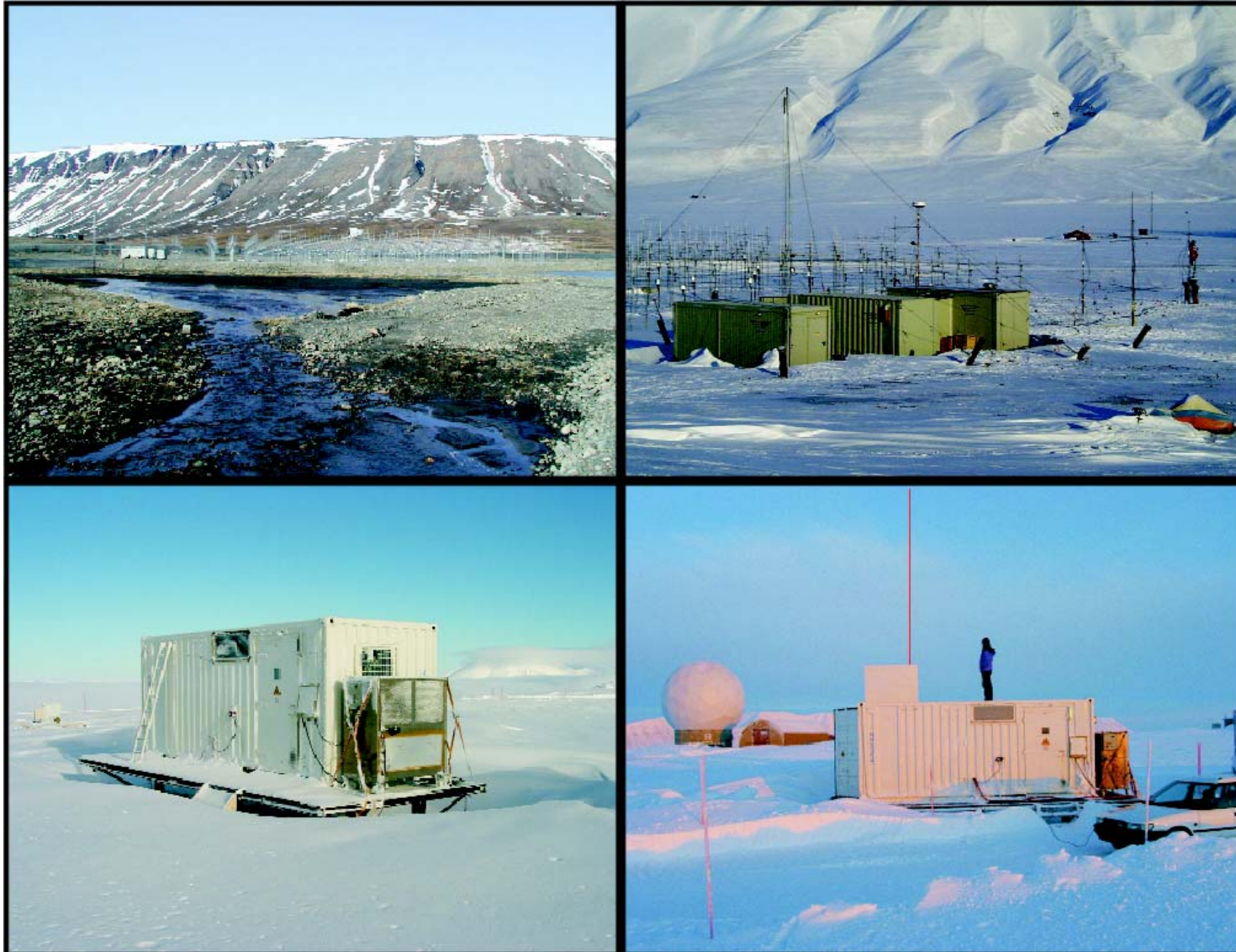


**Containerized Lidar at  
Rothera, Antarctica**





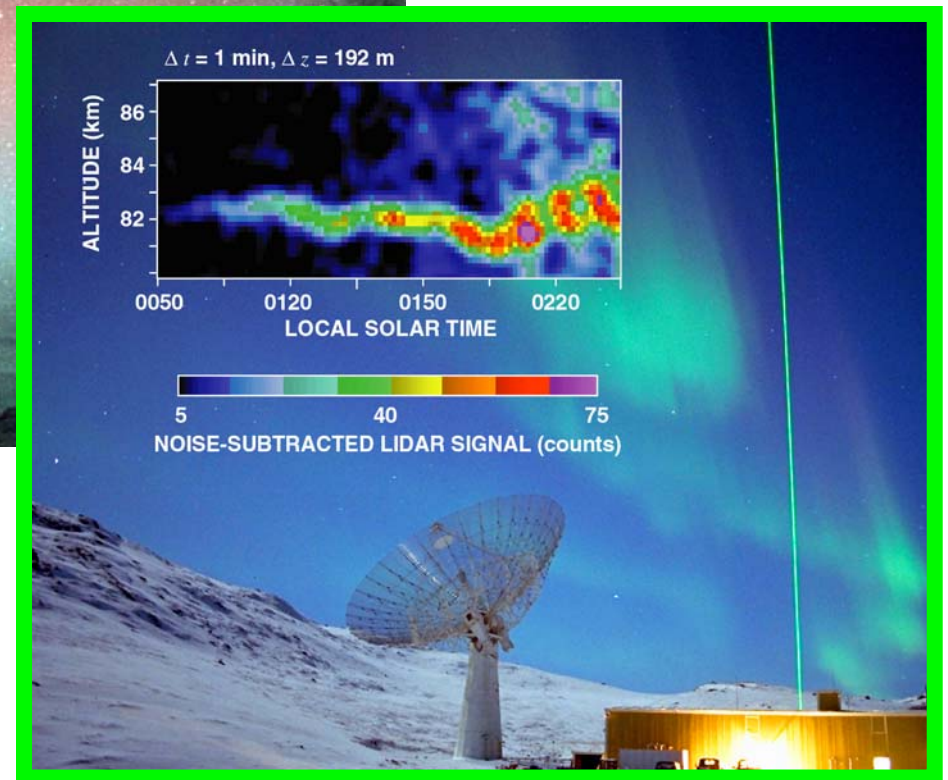
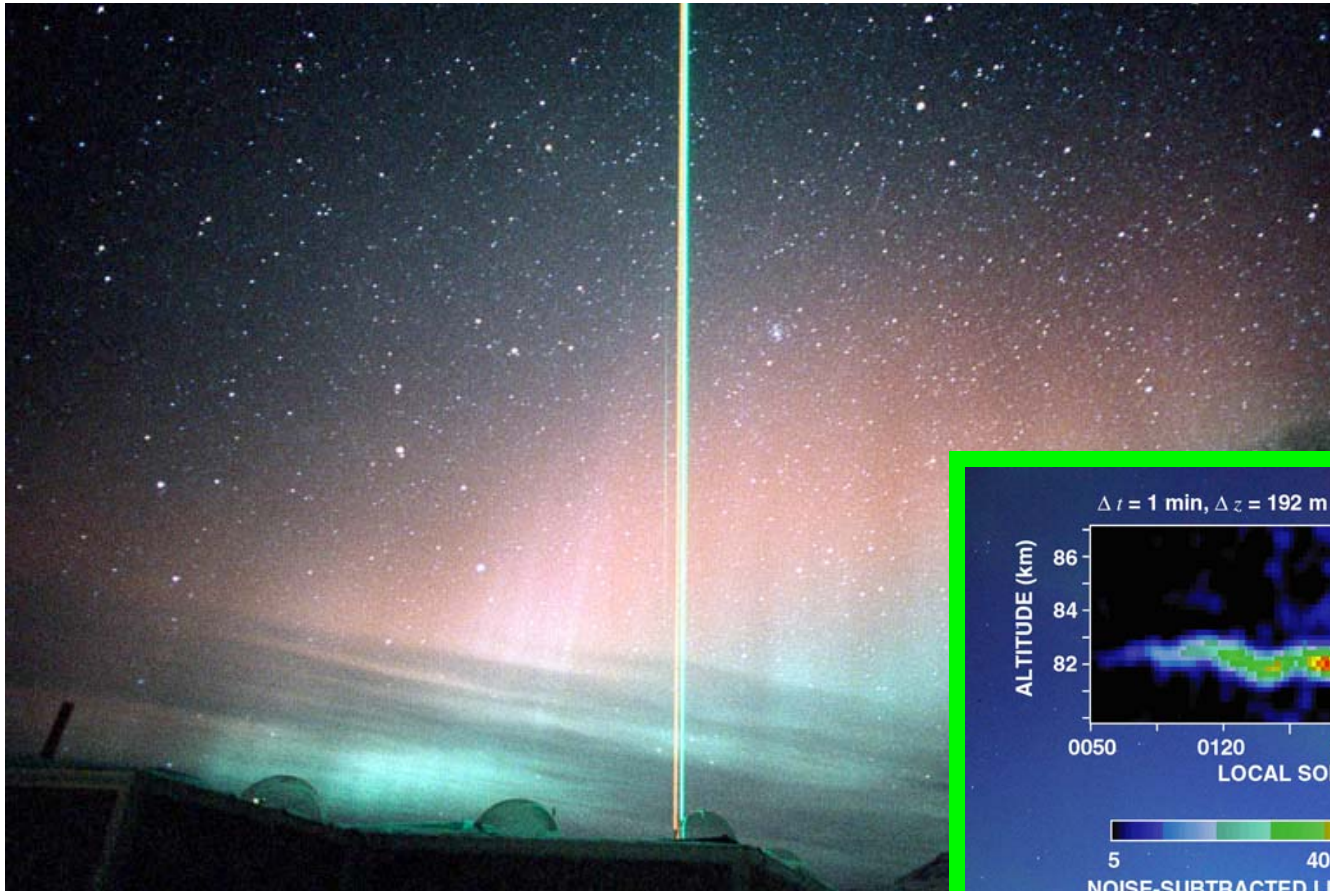
# Containerized Lidar at Svalbard



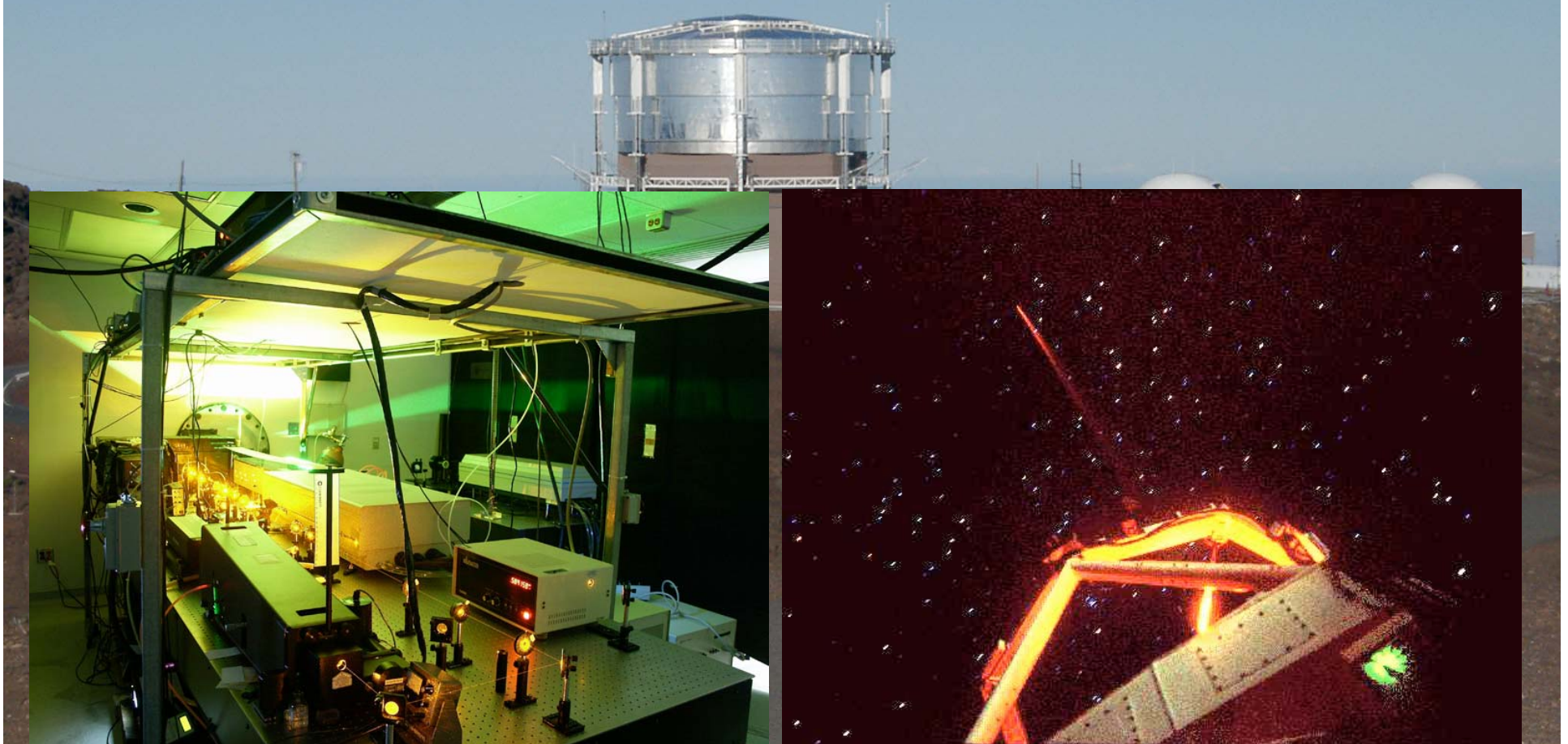
# Andoya Rayleigh & Na Lidars



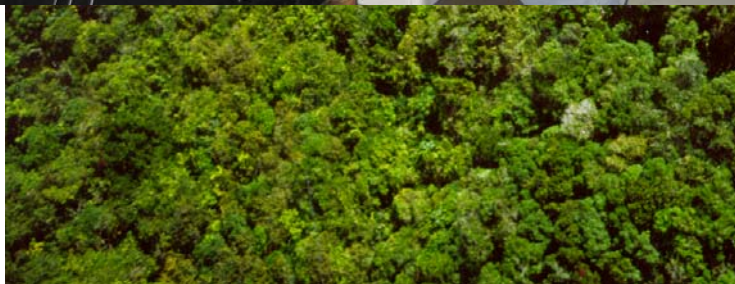
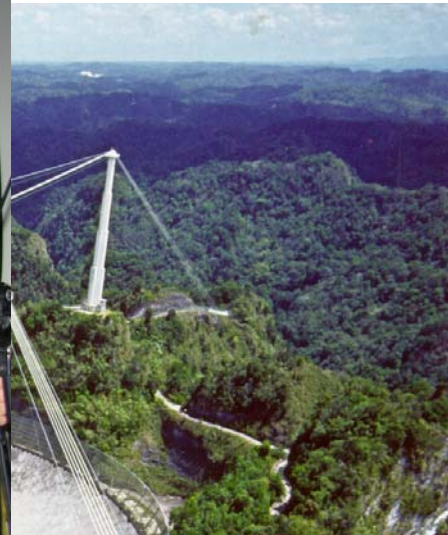
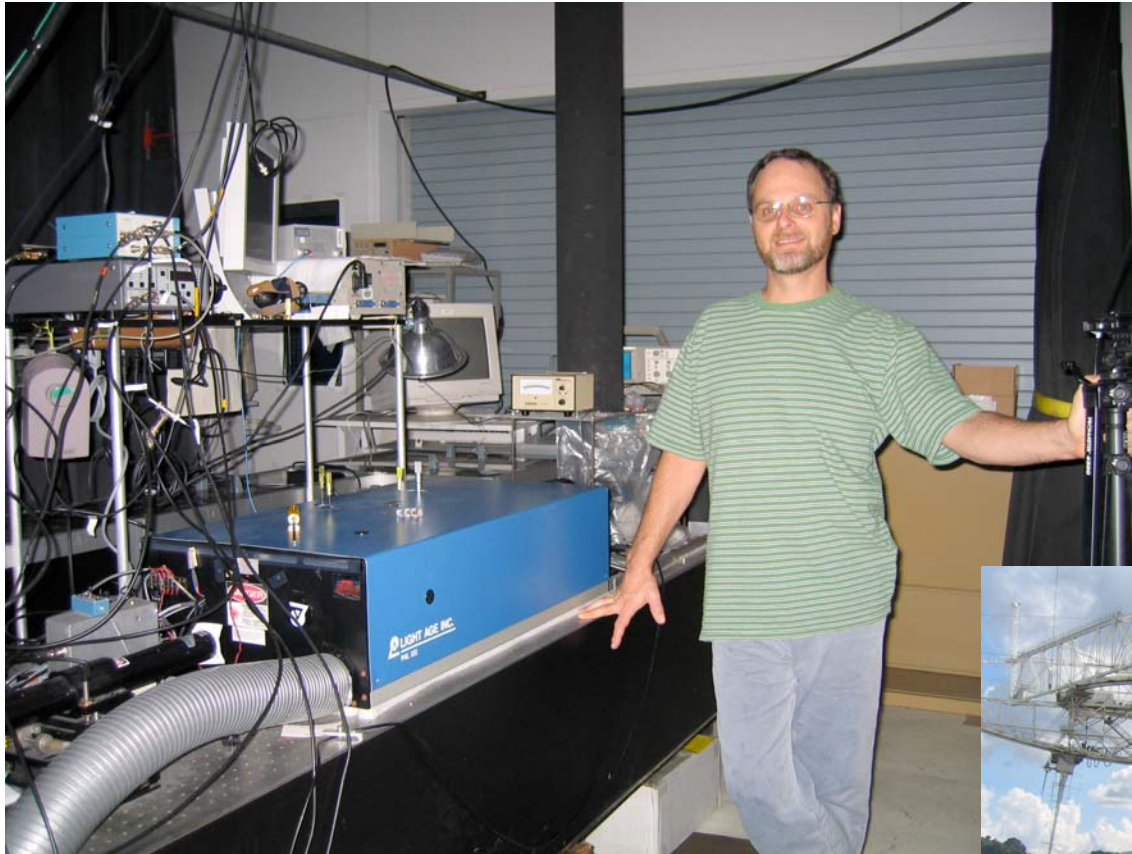
# Sondrestrom Rayleigh Lidar



# Large-Aperture Na Doppler Lidar at SOR, NM and Maui, HI



# Arecibo Observatory K Doppler Lidar



# Why Lidar Course?

This 6000 level class is based on the previous 5000 level "Laser Remote Sensing" class offered in Spring 2006.

But it has been significantly upgraded to include more lidar examples, lidar data processing projects, and lidar design components.

Students will be offered field-trip opportunities to CSU Fort Collins lidar facility.

Guest speakers will be invited from different lidar groups.

# Lidar Course Objectives

1. A comprehensive, yet easily understandable, up-to-date overview of lidar principles, technologies, and applications;
2. Practice of lidar data retrieval, lidar system design, and quantitative analysis of lidar performance and measurement errors;
3. Opportunities to see and possibly operate the real state-of-the-art lidar systems and make connections to lidar experts in the nation and world.

# Textbook and Reading Materials

## Textbook:

“Laser Remote Sensing” (2005)

edited by Fujii and Fukuchi

## Major Reference Books:

“Lidar” (2005)

edited by C. Weitkamp

“Laser Remote Sensing: Fundamentals and Applications” (1984)

by Raymond Measures

Reading Materials will be posted on the webpage.



# Course Format

1. PPT presentation in classroom

2. Lecture notes posted at the class webpage:

<http://cires.colorado.edu/science/groups/chu/classes/>

3. Reading books and materials with reports

4. Projects as homework with presentations in class

5. Field Trip to CSU, NOAA and/or NCAR

6. Guest lectures

# How to study this course?

1. Read books and lecture notes prior to classes, especially if lack of background
2. Listen to the lectures and try to understand the most in classes
3. Review lecture notes and read books and materials
4. Do projects to apply learned skills and check concepts
5. Ask and discuss with instructor and classmates to get clear concepts
6. Visit instructor's research group to look at real instruments and real applications

# Grading Policy

**10% Reading Reports:** your understanding to lidar principles, technologies, and applications

**80% Projects:**

- (1) Data retrieval and error analysis** (e.g., Na density, Doppler temp and wind, Boltzmann and Rayleigh temperature, coherent wind, HSRL aerosol, edge filter wind, DIAL, or Raman lidar data)
- (2) Lidar design and performance analysis**
- (3) Lidar simulation tools**

**10% Presentations:** your results from projects and presentation skills

**100-point grading system for each report, project, and presentation**

# Office Hours in Spring 2007

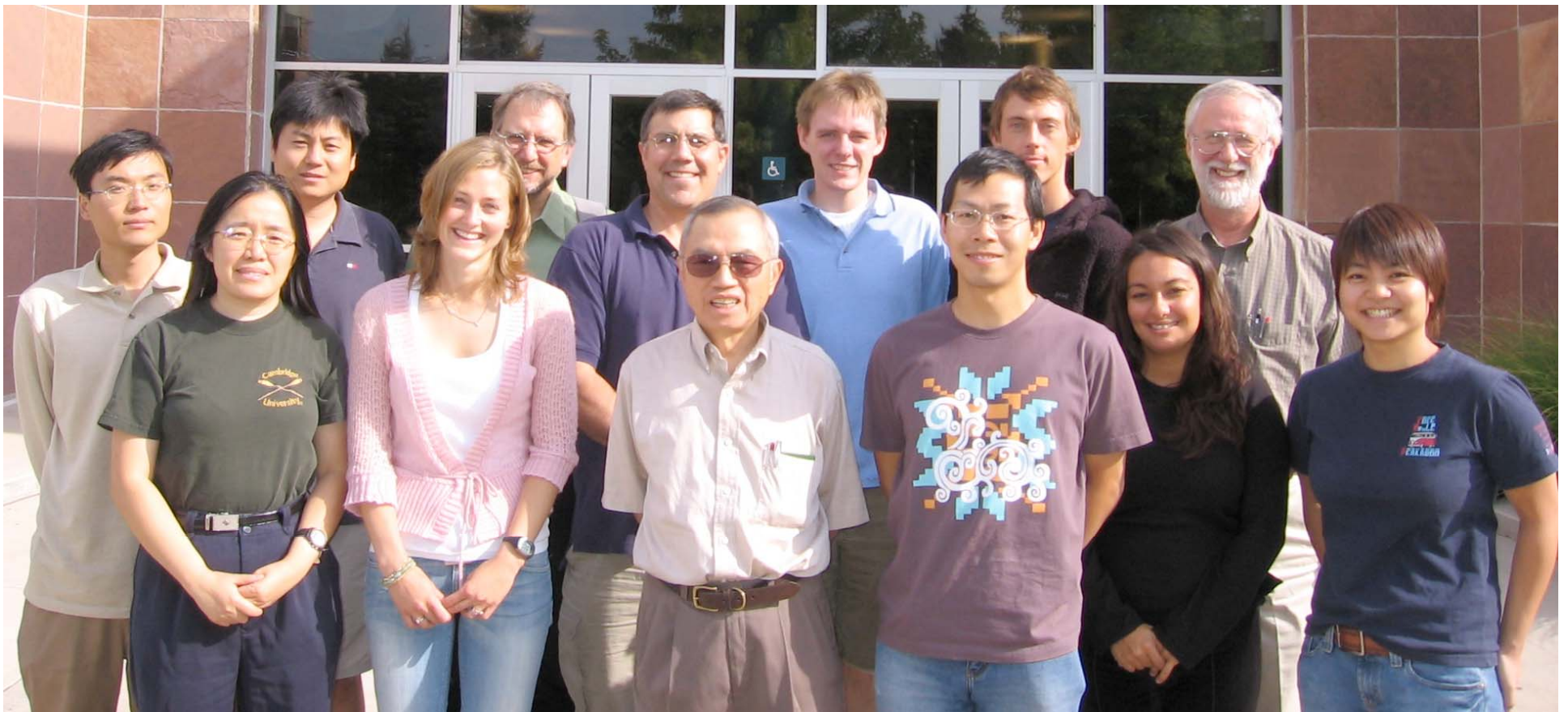
Lectures: M. W. F. 2:00-2:50pm @ MUEN D439

Office hours: Wed. 3:00-5:00pm  
and stop by office at any time

@ CIRES 241 or 1B49

Questions regarding  
lecture contents & projects & other lidar related

# Guest Lecture -- Prof. Chiao-Yao She (CSU)



# Guest Lecture --

Dr. Sara Tucker (NOAA)



# Guest Lecture -- Dr. Carl Weimer (Ball Aerospace)



**CRRL: Consortium of Resonance and Rayleigh Lidars**

# **Lidar Consortium Technology Center**

Community Center for Excellence

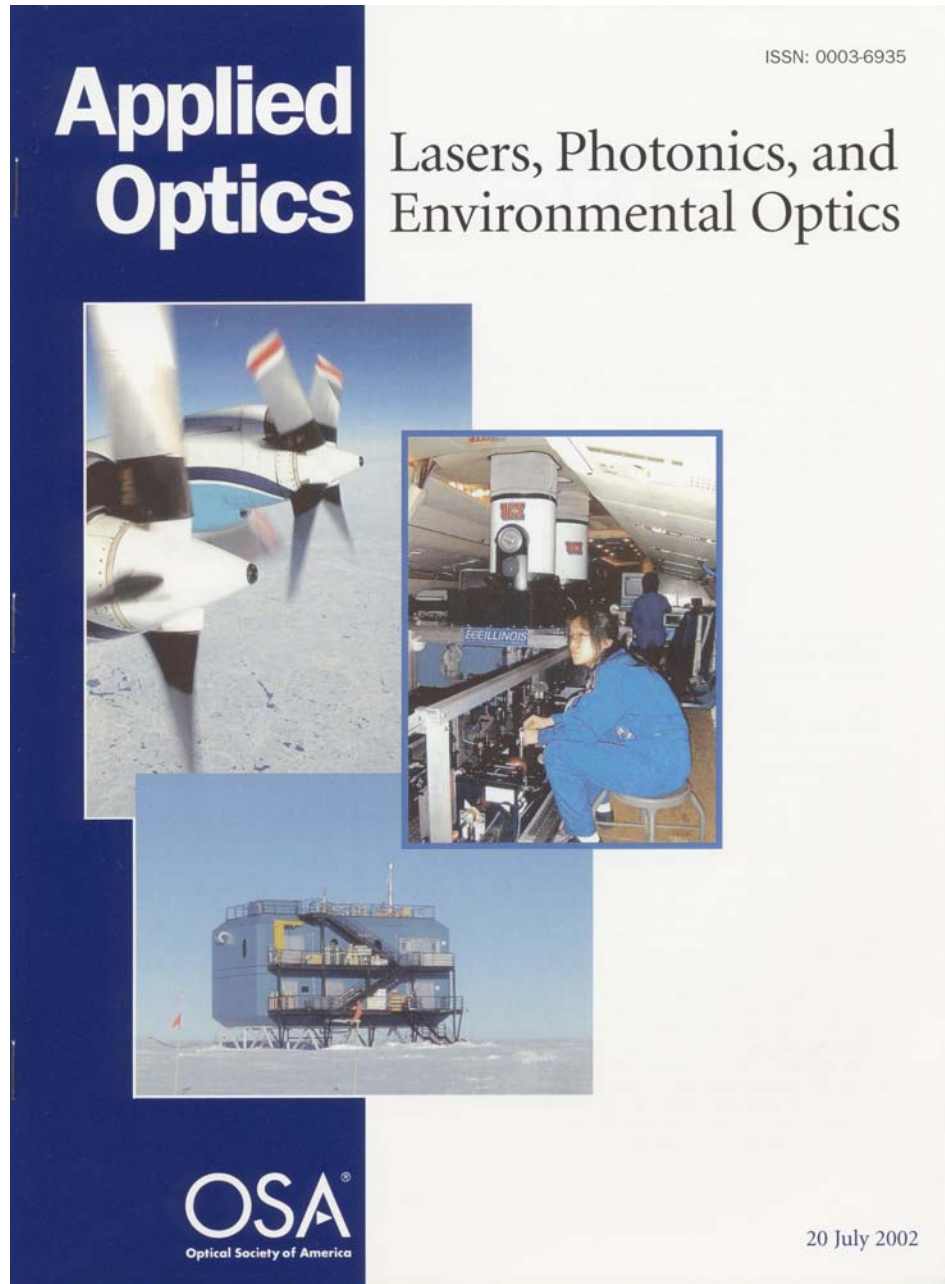
<http://crri.colorado.edu/>

<http://crri.colorado.edu/phpBB2/>

Good projects will be used at the CTC website!!!



# Pole-to-Pole Expedition



**21 June 1999  
Over the North Pole**



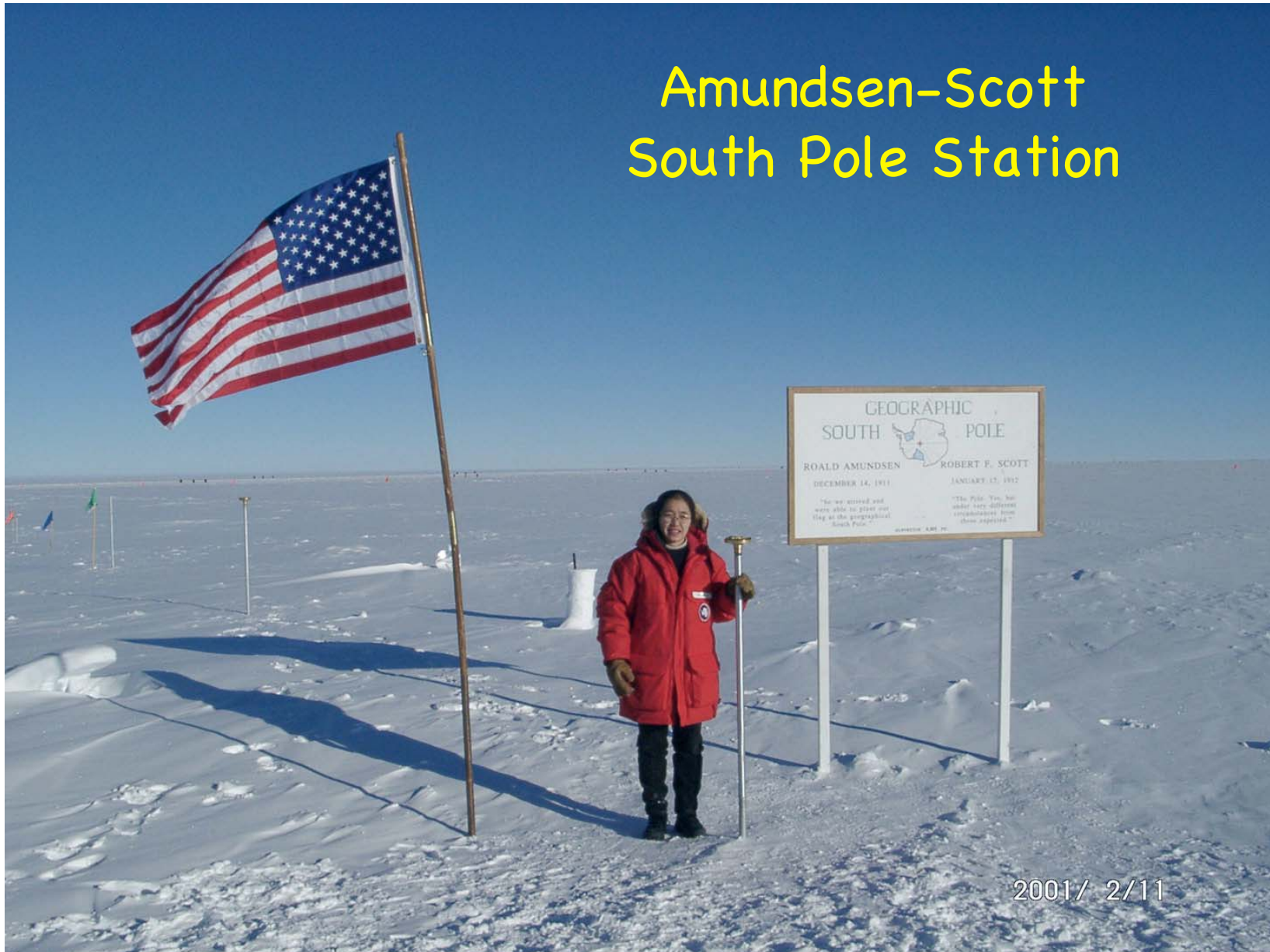
**24 November 1999  
At the South Pole**

I was flying the Electra,  
right above the North Pole!



# Pole-to-Pole Expedition: South Pole

## Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station



# Summary

We expect an exciting adventure through the wonderful "lidar remote sensing" field ...

Hope you will stay with us in the journey ...

Let us work together to make advancement and contribution to lidar and lidar application.